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REMARKS

The claims are subjected to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 as containing two patentably distinct inventions:

- I. Claims 1-7, 19-26, and 38-40 are drawn to a method, a computer readable medium and a system for broadcasting an announcement signal, classified in class 455, subclass 3.02.
- II. Claims 8-18, 27-37, and 41-44 are drawn to methods, a computer readable medium, and a system for accessing a computer network by detecting a broadcast signal, classified in class 709, subclass 225.

Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, to prosecute Group I, claims 1-7, 19-26, and 38-40, in the event that the restriction requirement is maintained. Claims 8-18, 27-37, and 41-44 are canceled without prejudice in the event that the restriction requirement is maintained.

Applicant contends that both groups can be conveniently searched and examined together without a serious burden to the Office. MPEP 803 states:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions. (Emphasis added).

For this reason, Applicant respectfully transverses the Office's restriction requirement.

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Conclusion

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Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims are in condition for allowance.

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